

REMARKS

This paper is filed in response to the election of species requirement dated August 17, 2004. This response is timely filed.

In the official action, the examiner indicated that the present claims are directed to four patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, as follows: Species I (Figures 1-4); Species II (Figures 5-6); Species III (Figures 7-11); Species IV (Figure 12-16). *See* official action at page 2.

In accordance with the requirement set forth in the official action, the applicants provisionally elect Species I (Figures 1-4).

Currently, claims 8 and 14 are generic in relation to the four species identified by the examiner; claims 1-7, 15-17, and 20 read on the provisionally elected species; and, claims 9-13, 18, and 19 do not read on the provisionally elected species and are not generic.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the examiner wish to discuss any matter of form or procedure in an effort to advance this application to allowance, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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